

Springfield District Report - September 2004

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9-11 Remembrance Ceremony

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors invites the public to attend a [Remembrance Ceremony in the 9-11 Memorial Grove Garden](#) behind the Government Center on Saturday, September 11, at 7 p.m. Guests will gather in the forum of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, and be lead to the garden by the Fairfax County Joint Public Safety Honor Guard. A candlelight vigil will conclude the ceremony around 7:30 p.m. If it rains, the ceremony will be held in the forum. For more information or reasonable ADA accommodations, call the Office of Public Affairs at 703-324-3187, TTY 703-324-2935.

Contract Awarded For Hillside Road Trail

After twenty years, the Hillside Road Trail project is on schedule for completion. Due to the generosity of Chairman Gerry Connolly, the additional funds needed to complete the third and final phase of the project have been secured. This final phase consists of the installation of a 160 linear foot steel pedestrian bridge and 260 linear feet of a 6-foot asphalt trail immediately north of Cameo Square. For further information, contact [Peyton Onks](#), Supervisor McConnell's Administrative Aide, at 703-324-2500, TTY 703-455-6691.

Stormwater Advisory Committee Formed by Board of Supervisors

On May 24, 2004, the Board of Supervisors (BOS) authorized the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) to develop a "[Watershed Community Needs Assessment and Funding Options Report](#)" (this report will be available September 3) as the first step towards identifying long-term solutions to funding the County's stormwater management program. Initial work on the report has been completed. Among the financing options discussed in the report is the implementation of a stormwater utility fee. The BOS subsequently appointed a stakeholder-based Stormwater Advisory Committee to promote dialogue and feedback from the community. The Committee will assist the BOS and County staff to better understand the public's expectations regarding the stormwater program. In its initial phase, the Stormwater Advisory Committee will be asked to assess the need for change, the appropriate level of service for stormwater management and the different funding options, and then provide recommendations to the BOS in February, 2005. If a stormwater utility fee is selected as the preferred funding option by the BOS, the Stormwater Advisory

Committee can also be used to make important recommendations on key policy issues such as a final program level of service, a utility rate structure, credit program options, and exceptions policies. The Stormwater Advisory Committee will hold its first meeting on September 23 at 7 p.m. in Conference Room 2/3 in the Government Center. For further information, contact [Krystal Kearns](#) or [Paul Shirey](#), Engineer III, DPWES, at 703-324-5500, TTY 711.

Confederate Fortifications Historic Site Public Hearing Scheduled

The Fairfax County Park Authority will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 13, 2004 at 7 p.m. to present a proposal for the [General Management Plan for Union Mills/Confederate Fortifications Historic Site](#). This site represents an important local historic and cultural resource relating to the Civil War which warrants protection and interpretation. Also, the Park Authority public hearing will include a presentation on the proposed [Ox Hill Battlefield Park](#) located at the southwest corner of West Ox Road and Monument Drive in Fairfax. The recommendations for the 4.7 acre park include the placement of an information kiosk, interpretive signage, landscape treatments, two new monuments, trails, and parking. Suggestions for the plan were developed over the past year by Park Authority staff working closely with a citizen task force. The hearing will take place in Room 106/107 located on the first floor of the Herrity Building at 12055 Government Center Parkway in Fairfax. Further information is located on the Fairfax County Park Authority [website](#). If you would like to speak at the hearing, need more information about the plan or seek to provide written or electronic comments, please contact the Park Authority Public Information Office at 703-324-8662 or e-mail us at Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Springfield District Council Meets September 20

The Springfield District Council will meet on September 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the West Springfield Governmental Center Community Room at 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, Virginia. Peter Murphy, Planning Commissioner, will be speaking. If you have any questions, please contact [Jim McIntyre](#) at 703-569-1315.

West Springfield Neighborhood College Sessions Begin September 9

The West Springfield Community is invited to a seven session leadership program to learn how to work with residents and local government to strengthen the neighborhood and promote a strong sense of community. Topics will include understanding local government and how to get involved; living and working in Fairfax County 2004; communicating in a multicultural environment; and building community partnerships. This program is free. The sessions will be held in the West Springfield Governmental Center Community Room at 6140 Rolling Road. For further information and to register, contact [Paulette Whiteside](#), Administrative Assistant, Department of Systems Management for Human Services, Region 4 at 703-324-5285, fax at 703-324-4500, TTY 703-803-7914. The deadline for registration is Friday, September 3. This event is being sponsored by the Fairfax Community Services Board, Pohick Regional Library, Fairfax County Health Department, and the Fairfax County Department of Systems Management for Human Services.

Community Meeting Scheduled For Amerada Hess Corp Application

Amerada Hess Corporation has filed a Special Exception Application (SE 2004-SP-024) to operate a 24 hour, quick service food store and service station at 9027 Silverbrook Road. This 1.27 acre parcel is identified by the Fairfax County Tax Map # 97-4 ((1)) 16 and is currently zoned C-5 (Neighborhood Retail). The Applicant is requesting a special exception to allow for the operation of the 24 hour facility on this parcel.

The Planning Commissioner for the Springfield District, Peter Murphy, would like to provide residents in and near this site the opportunity to review the application and to work out any perceived problems prior to the Planning Commission hearing on October 21, 2004. You are invited to attend a Community meeting to be held on September 21, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in the

West Springfield Governmental Center located at 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, Virginia. For further information on this meeting, contact [Steve Edwards](#), Supervisor McConnell's Chief-Of-Staff, at 703-451-8873, TTY 703-455-6691.

Land Use Meeting Scheduled for September 7

Two presentations are scheduled for September 7 before the [Fairfax Center Land Use Committee](#). Gesher School, Inc. is seeking approval to permit modifications to an approved private school of general education. The applicant is proposing to shift the location of the proposed soccer field and to relocate the primary septic field. The site is located on the west side of Shirley Gate Road, tax map number 56-4 ((1)) 19B and 56-4 ((3)) 1. The second applicant, the Stanley Martin Companies, Inc., will provide a presentation on its plan for the use of property at Post Forest Drive (this meeting was originally scheduled for August 3, but was cancelled). Stanley Martin Companies, Inc. is seeking approval to construct townhouses on the site at a density of 8.93 dwelling units per acre. The location of this site is at the south side of Post Forest Drive 600 feet of its intersection with West Ox Road. The meeting will be held in conference room 8 in the County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway. For further information, please contact [Marlae Schnare](#), Supervisor McConnell's Administrative Aide, at 703-324-2500, TTY 703-455-6691.

Proposed New Gym Allocation Policy Goes To The Public For Comment

After a year of research, public input, and an extensive review of standards and best practices in gym allocation policies, Fairfax County will present a draft of the proposed new gym allocation policy to the public at four public meetings in September. The following meetings are scheduled:

- Wednesday, September 8 at 6:30 p.m., South County Center, Room 221A, 8350 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, VA 22309
- Thursday, September 9, 2004 at 6:30 p.m., James Lee Community Center, 2855-A Annandale Road, Falls Church, VA 22042
- Wednesday, September 15, 2004 at 6:30 p.m., Pennino Building, Virginia Room, 12011 Government Center Parkway, 10th Floor, Fairfax, VA 22035
- Thursday, September 16, 2004 at 6:30 p.m., Reston Teen Center at the YMCA, Multipurpose Room, 12196 Sunset Hills Road, Reston, VA 20191

Residents are encouraged to attend the meeting and comment on the proposed policy. Copies of the policy can be found on the Internet at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec. The website also has the comment form and directions for submitting comments electronically. All comments must be received by September 19, 2004.

More Power To You!

Confused about who makes the decisions for Fairfax County? Don't understand the tax system and who really has taxing power in Virginia? Don't know why schools and roads are overcrowded or why elections occur every year? Ask these questions of many Fairfax County citizens, whether long time residents or new arrivals, and they would probably acknowledge their confusion. The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area (LWVFA) has devised an innovative method to answer these questions and empower county residents to become more active citizens. In cooperation with Fairfax County Public Schools Adult and Community Education, the League will once again present "More Power to You", an overview of how local government works and how it relates to Virginia State government. The four sessions, to be held on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Fairfax County Government Center, will begin with "Activating Your Citizenship" on September 15th, followed by "Evolution and Powers of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors" on September 29th, "Navigating Authorities, Commissions and Departments" on October 13th and "Functions of the Fairfax County School Board" on October 27th. Each class will be enhanced by the participation of prominent guest speakers representing various aspects of county government. The fee for the four 2 hour evening sessions is \$25 which covers all materials. Participants who attend all four

sessions will receive certificates of completion. Pre-registration and payment for the classes is required and can be arranged by calling 703-227-2231. For further information about the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area and its goal of providing non-partisan voter information and services call 703-658-9150.

Boards, Authorities, and Commissions News

Citizen advisory bodies play a very important role in county government. Supervisor McConnell recently appointed three new BAC members:

Joan Dolberg, *Advisory Social Services Board*

J. Roger Sims, III, *Athletic Council*

Scott Martin, *Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance Exception Review Committee*

For further information on the various BACs, see the [BACs Website](#) or contact [Dianne Peikin](#), Supervisor McConnell's Administrative Aide, at 703-451-8873, TTY 703-455-6691.

Community Room Available for Non-Profit Groups

The West Springfield Governmental Center offers not-for-profit community groups the opportunity to reserve (for free) meeting space in the Community Room. All organizations wishing to reserve the Community Room call [Dianne Peikin](#), Supervisor McConnell's Administrative Aide, at 703-451-8873, TTY 703-455-6691.

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